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CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 26, paragraph 2:

—In a further step in the manufacture of the screws of the present invention, the screw may be immersed in, or coated with, biologically active chemical agents included, but not limited to, antibiotics, or substances to promote bone formation such as bone morphogenetic proteins, mineralizing proteins, hydroxyapatite, or genetic material coding for the production of bone (directly or indirectly).--